



PTO/SB/08A (04-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/749,611
Filing Date	12/31/2003
First Named Inventor	FANTI, Luigi
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	P00830-US-01

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 5,834,081	11/10/1998	Fanti, Luigi	
		US- 6,068,904	05/30/2000	Stearns, Christopher	
		US- 6,413,618	07/02/2002	Parker et al.	
		US- 4,678,528	07/07/1987	Smith et al.	
		US- 4,828,896	05/07/1989	Fanti, Luigi	
		US- 6,021,615	02/03/2000	Brown, Arthur J.	
		US- 4,293,362	10/06/1981	Drobina, Dezso D.	
		US- 2,274,468	02/24/1942	Bell	
		US- 2,118,841	05/31/1938	Elmendorf	
		US- 6,343,447	02/05/2002	Geissels et al.	
		US- 6,298,624	10/09/2001	Pacione	
		US- 3,516,894	06/23/1970	Slosberg	
		US- 1,828,193	10/20/1931	Levin	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		WO 93/13281	07/08/1993	Fanti		
		WO 84/03322	08/30/1984	Van Wingerden		
		FR 2 675 178	10/16/1992	Gricourt		
		WO 99/06645	02/11/1999	Wheatley		
		WO 94/06981	03/31/1994	Bentzon		

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

8/28/05

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.